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- PTO/SB/08B (1 page)
- Copies of Cited References (8 references)
- Copy of International Search Report from Corresponding International Application (2 pages)
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BEFORE A FIRST OFFICE ACTION ON THE MERITS  
(37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3))**

To the Honorable Commissioner For Patents:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97 encouraging the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant submits this paper in compliance with his duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Applicant wishes to introduce art having some relevance to the present application, which has been listed on attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B. No representation is made that a specific search has been made by Applicant, that the information is material to the claimed subject matter, or that the information represents the only or the best information.

Applicant does not admit that any of the information provided is necessarily prior to his invention, but rather it is information of which Applicant is aware and believes should be provided to the Office in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure. Any question that may arise regarding the priority of a specific document shall be resolved during prosecution.

The referenced art is being cited for the express purpose of providing the Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to make an evaluation and to arrive at an independent assessment of materiality of each document, if any, to the examination of this application. Applicant respectfully requests that the cited art be made of record.

Cited references DE 295 02 856 U1 and DE 7215464U were cited in the International Search Report for the corresponding PCT international application (PCT/GB2005/000889). These references are in the German language. However, the International Search Report has designated both references as "A" references, which are described as documents defining the general state of the art which are not considered to be of particular relevance. Applicant encloses herewith a copy of the International Search Report for the corresponding PCT international application for the Examiner's reference.

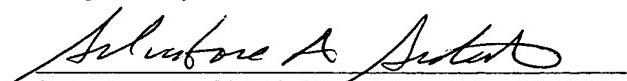
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#### **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

The Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before a first office action on the merits of the application. No fee is due with the filing of this paper. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3).

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